

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on November 4, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to consolidate the Slayden post office located in Slayden, Tennessee. The petition for review was filed by Roger Harrison, Mayor, and Town of Slayden (Petitioners) and is postmarked October 20, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than November 21, 2011.



Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary

Date: November 21, 2011

Attachment

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Ruth Y. Goldway

Chairmen

Postal Regulatory Commission

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POSTAL REGULATORY
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Dear Chairman Goldway:

The Postal Service has posted the Final Determination to consolidate the Slayden TN Post Office with the Cumberland Furnace, TN Post Office.

The attached list containing signatures of customers served by Slayden, TN, Post Office, 37165, do not feel that the alternate service offered by the Postal Service is acceptable as it does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service that customers are entitled to in accordance with federal law.

The decision to combine our post office with the Cumberland Furnace, TN, Post Office, we strongly oppose this action. The postmaster plays an important role in our community, especially for the elderly and infirm. Many of our residents do not drive or even have checking accounts and they will be hit hard by this decision because our postmaster assists them in meeting their obligations. Our postmaster helps them pay bills, writes money orders and provides much non-postal caretaking.

Our little post office represents the federal government to our residents and it is hard for us to understand the reasoning. We understand that the Postal Service has financial issues but isn't it against the law to close a post office just to save money? How can the federal government spend billions of dollars in an attempt to create jobs and then a branch of the federal government eliminates vital jobs in small towns? Rural America is just as important as urban America. Post offices in urban America may be a luxury but in rural America they are a necessity.

Sincerely,

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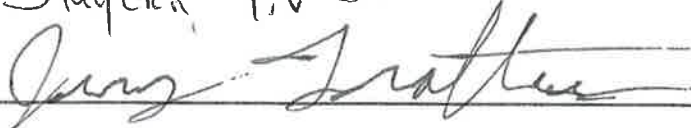
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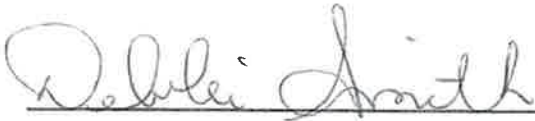
Mayor, Roger Harrison, City of Slayden, TN 37165

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Slayden, TN 37165 - 0140



Councilman, Jerry Trotter City of Slayden, TN 37165



Councilperson, Debbie Smith, City of Slayden, TN 37165



Councilperson, Mary Smathers, City of Slayden, TN 37165



City Recorder, Diane Harrison, City of Slayden, TN 37165